



# TAUHOA SCHOOL

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## TAUHOA TATTLER #8

24th May 2024



Ngā mihi o te tau hou.

When we said 'Go Pink' for Pink Shirt Day, Tauhoa School went Pink! As you can see above, our school rose to celebrate diversity and acceptance and stand up against bullying! The senior pupils set the tone with some amazing costumes. We raised 95 dollars for the Mental Health Foundation.

Pink Shirt Day reminds me that our school is a bully-free zone. What is bullying?

***"It's easy to assume everyone knows what bullying is. However, the term is often used to describe other aggressive behaviour. This can make it hard for schools, parents, whānau, and the wider community to consistently identify and deal with bullying when it happens. Most widely accepted definitions of bullying are based on four elements: bullying is deliberate, harmful, involves a power imbalance, and has an element of repetition."***

***Whether bullying is physical, verbal, or social (relational), four widely-accepted factors can be used to identify it:***

- ***Bullying is deliberate - harming another person intentionally***
- ***Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship***
- ***Bullying is usually not a one-off - it is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time***
- ***Bullying involves behaviour that can cause harm - it is not a normal part of growing up.***

From BullyingFreeNZ website

Our school is proud to be seen as a safe place to work, learn, and play. When students become aware, all staff will take action on any issues that could be seen as preventing a child's right to feel safe and free from harm at our school.

But we can't do that if students don't come and tell us straight away so we can act promptly. Can parents please see me as soon as there is an issue instead of trying to resolve things outside of school?

Please ensure your child knows to tell someone immediately if something happens at school. Also, please talk to the school if you have any concerns.

For your information, our Anti-bullying policy is linked to the website.

### ***What is Coming up***

#### **May 2024**

- **31st Mud Run and Fundraiser**

#### **June 2024**

- **3rd Kings Birthday School Closed**
- **4th MOE required Teacher Only Day - School Closed**
- **5th FOTS Meeting Coffee Scones Jam and Ants**
- **18th RRS Soccer & Hockey Years 4-8**
- **26th School Board meeting**
- **28th Matariki Celebration Day School Closed**

#### **Term Two Reminders**

- A spare change of clothes will be helpful in your child's bag.
- We are a healthy lunch school. If you choose to send a lunch to school, please supply A a healthy lunchbox <https://nutritionfoundation.org.nz/lunchbox-ideas/>
- We keep personal stationery at home and use school supplies only at school.

### **Mud Run**

This Friday is the Mud Run. And boy, they are going to get muddy! I hear some boys are wearing white to show up the mud.

Please ensure all students come to school with a drink bottle, two towels, and a full change of clothes. We will have lunch before the event, but a hot sausage can be purchased after the event for \$2. Students will not be able to get clean, so they will come home needing a hot shower.

We will start the event around 1 pm and welcome our parents and community to come and enjoy watching the fun.

This is a fun event with sponsorship going towards our school van purchase.

Please encourage your friends and work colleagues to sponsor your child. Money can come into the school at any time. 🏦 They can do a bank transfer using the sponsorship information we sent home.

## **FOTS Meeting 5th June**

Please join the FTOS team for 'Coffee, Scones, Jam, and Ants.' Constable Anthony Searle will pop by to chat about cyberbullying and what our community and parents can do to protect our tamariki. We will also discuss how we can help you purchase a school van. RSVP via office

## **RRS Soccer & Hockey years 4-8**

Soccer and Hockey day will be at Port Albert Domain on Tuesday 18th June. Students will travel by bus, They will need a full lunch and drink bottle, sports uniforms will be provided on the day.

**Mouthguards are required for Hockey** - If you purchased one with your stationary at the beginning of the year this will be given to your child. If not you will need to supply one or purchase one from the office or \$6.00 before the event.

## **Attendance Term 1 Figure**

The report from Every Day Matters has been released, and our regular attendance at school for term 1 was only 63%. 😞 That 37 students out of 64 are coming to school regularly.

Another disastrous figure was our lateness to school. Only 65% of our students are on time for school daily. That means 23 students don't get to school by 8-30 to start the day! ( school buses don't count)

Please remember that your child must come to school every day so they don't miss out on the building blocks to support learning a topic. Students who do not attend regularly find friendships hard to maintain.

The link below shows parents' new guidelines on when to go to school and when to stay home based on wellness.

<https://info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/known-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents/>

## **Surveys**

We are still collecting these. Please complete the paper forms and return to school or access the online survey through the link sent to your email address.

## **Class Dojo**

See the story of your child's day. Easily stay connected with your child's classrooms on ClassDojo. You can see your child's teacher's feedback, hear important announcements and updates, and see photos and videos from class! You'll also see your child's classwork on their own Student Story. If you are not linked to your child's class, please contact the office so we can send you information on how to do so.

## **Skool Loop**

This is a reminder to select which groups you want to hear from. Tick General, your child/children's classes, and FOTS or BOT if you wish to be kept in the loop for these. BOT can only be accessed by board members. We will soon only send notices to the correct class or group.

Download Skool Loop from the app store. Please ensure you allow it to send you notifications.

## **Easy Bus Site**

To find information on our buses and times or to give feedback about our bus service, please use the easy bus website: [www.rodney.easybus.nz](http://www.rodney.easybus.nz). This also has a place to request out-of-zone pick-ups and other network news.

A reminder that if you are not at the drop-off spot on time, your child, Bus 2 second part of the run, if on a Tauhoa destination bus, will be brought eventually back to school at the end of all runs. Or if heading to Wellsford, taken to the depot.

### Find the lolly 🍭

Be the first to find the hidden lolly in the tattler, bring it back signed by your caregiver and be in the draw to win a prize!

### School lunches - Menu Week 5

Mon - Chicken Pasta Salad  
Tue - Beef Burgers  
Wed - Spaghetti Bolognese  
Thurs - Chicken Drums and mash  
Fri - Soup

### Week 6

Mon- King's Birthday  
Tue- Teachers Only Day  
Wed- Filled Rolls  
Thurs- Pork Fried Rice  
Fri- Taco's

Hope to see many of you cheering on the students next Friday.

Vivienne Goldsmith  
Principal

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